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Advancing the Science, Education & Professional Practice of Medical Physics

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

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WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL?

- Standing committee under the AAPM Board of Directors

- Professional Council shall act as a clearinghouse for professional inquiries addressed to the Corporation by members or outside groups and shall route inquiries to the appropriate categorical Professional Committees. The Professional Council shall consider and make recommendations of professional policy to the Board. It shall formulate specific charges for the guidance and direction of the categorical committees.

Bylaws: Article III, Section 5
Rules: 3.7

WHAT DOES PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL DO?

- Provide overall direction to the committees of the Professional Council and monitor their activities.
- Receive reports from the categorical Professional Committees.
- Approve the appointments and charge of Subcommittees, Task Groups and Working Groups appointed by the categorical Professional Committees.
- Ensure liaison between the committees of the Professional Council and among their respective subcommittees, working groups or task groups.
- Ensure liaison with other Councils.
- Recommend appointments to the categorical Professional Council Committees.

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

- Clinical Practice Committee (PICR; DiCostanzo)
- Ethics Committee (ET; Halvorsen)
- Medical Physics 3.0 Committee (MP30C; Samei)
- Medical Physics Leadership Academy Committee (MPLAWG; Johnson)
- Professional Economics (ECON; Fontenot)
- Professional Services Committee (PROFS; Miller)
- Workforce Assessment Committee (WAC; Chen)

40+ subcommittees, task groups, and working groups under these committees

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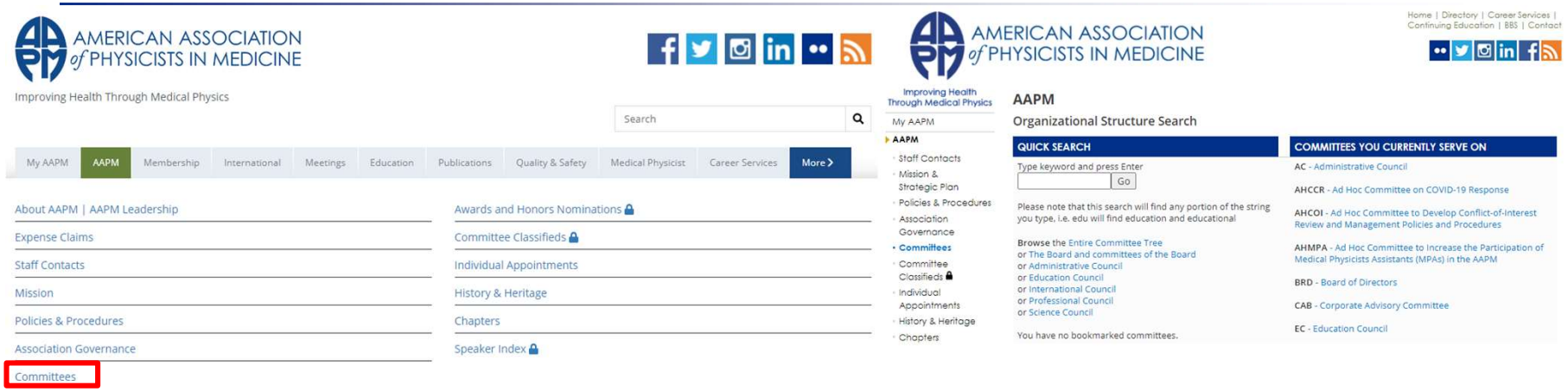

CURRENT AND RECENT PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES

- Professional issue responses to COVID-19
- Surveys
  - Diagnostic workforce survey (DWWSS; communication of results Summer 2021)
  - Therapy workforce survey (TWS; communication of results Summer 2021)
  - Professional Survey (PSS; annual)
- Medical Physics Practice Guidelines (SPG)
  - 9 MPPG's under development (initial and revisions)

CURRENT AND RECENT PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES

- Ethics Committee
  - Ethics case studies (ECSWG)
- Medical Physics Leadership Academy Committee
  - Leadership case studies (MPLACA)
- Clinical Practice Committee
  - KPI's for clinical medical physics

CURRENT AND RECENT PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES

- Women's Professional Subcommittee
  - WPSC newsletter
  - Annual meeting Women's Luncheon

- Integration of medical physicist assistants (MPA's) into AAPM
  - Create MPA professional subcommittee under Clinical Practice Committee
  - May expand to other subcommittees under PC

CURRENT AND RECENT PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES

- AAPM Mentorship Program
  - Should be live by this meeting
  - Facilitate mentor/mentee partnerships to help develop all AAPM members
    - Not just for professional issues, designed for all regardless of interests

- Medical Physics 3.0
  - What will medical physics look like in the future?
  - What skills will we need to succeed in this new environment?
  - What new areas can we contribute expertise to benefit human health?

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

- Review the structure of the AAPM
  - Understand the location, roles, etc. of various committees
  - How different entities interact
- Review the AAPM governance documents
  - By-Laws
  - Rules
- Review AAPM policies and procedures

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

- Understand all the benefits that your AAPM membership has to offer you
  - Educational resources
  - Professional resources
  - Scientific/research resources

- Get involved!
  - AAPM is a volunteer driven organization

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QUESTIONS?